Abstract of the Disclosure

Various embodiments are described herein to address the need to
5   have a method and apparatus that improve the resource efficiency of inter-
PDSN (142 to 141) dormant mode handoffs. Promptly after the completion of
signaling (218) for PPP connection establishment and MIP registration (if
supported), as required for an inter-PDSN dormant mode handoff, an access
network (AN) 121 expedites the release of communication resources such as
10   the wireless traffic channel, the SCCP connection, and the A8 bearer
connection. Thus, in an inter-PDSN dormant mode handoff the packet data
session of an MS (101) is promptly transitioned back to the dormant packet
data state. This enables communication resources to be freed for other calls
and/or handoffs in a more timely manner than is enabled today.
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